

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!



Okay, I know what you're thinking: *Hosanna is a word we use on Palm Sunday – even Advent -- but not Easter!*

The word itself is almost un-definable, but from various sources, it seems to have three basic meanings:

a shout of praise to God,
a cry to God for mercy ("Save us!"),
a declaration of the Messiah-ship of Christ.

In the context of Easter's celebration all three converge, making the use of this word 'spot-on' for our resurrection worship. Our praises are centered on the One who saves us, and by his having been raised from the dead we are even more convinced of his Messiah-ship.

So get past that hurdle of understanding and dig into some wonderful phrases from the Wren pen, all descriptive of what the Easter event gives rise to:

"Celebrate this day of days."
"All creation is amazed."
"Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair."
"See what love can do and dare."
"Jesus is our strong companion."
"Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same."
"God the first and last is with us."

We have no good reason to box up the word "hosanna" for use only twice a year! It's a good word any time – especially on Easter Sunday!

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